Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a nonexclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/ or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

Title: Bonding for Silicon Carbide Directly to a Semiconductor Substrate by Using Silicon to Silicon Bonding.

Inventors: Timothy Mermagen, Judith McCullen, Robert Reams and Bohdam Dobriansky.

Patent Ňumber: 5,877,516. Issued Date: March 2, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Rausa, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5055, tel: (410) 278-5028; fax: (410) 278-5820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None. Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 99-9613 Filed 4-15-99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3710-08-M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

This patent covers a wide variety of technical arts including: An incoherent LADAR which achieves high range resolution employing focal plane detector arrays and a Method for detecting the presence and concentration of bacterial spores in a medium.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99–502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a non-

exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/ or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

Title: Scannerless Ladar Architecture **Employing Focal Plane Detector Arrays** and FM-CW Ranging Theory

Inventors: Barry Stann, William C. Ruff and Zoltan G. Sztankav.

Patent Number: 5,877,851. Issued Date: March 2, 1999.

Title: Bacterial Spore Detection and Quantification Methods

Inventor: David L. Rosen. Patent Number: 5,876,960. Issued Date: March 2, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Norma Cammaratta, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, 2800 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783-1197, tel: (301) 394–2952; fax: (301) 394-5818

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None. Gregory D. Showalter,

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP)

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1999.

Purpose of Program: The major purpose of the PCSP is to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the Nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of public charter schools; evaluation of the effects of charter schools; and the dissemination of information about charter schools and successful practices in charter schools.

Who May Apply: (a) State educational agencies (SEAs) in States with a specific State statute authorizing the establishment of charter schools. The Secretary awards grants to SEAs to enable them to conduct charter school programs in their States. SEAs use their PCSP funds to award subgrants to "eligible applicants," as defined in this notice, for planning, program design, and initial implementation of a charter school; and to support the dissemination of information about, and successful practices in, charter schools. A charter school may apply for funds to carry out dissemination activities, whether or not the charter school has

applied for or received funds under the PCSP for planning or implementation, if the charter school has been in operation for at least 3 consecutive years and has demonstrated overall success, including-

- (i) Substantial progress in improving student achievement;
- (ii) High levels of parent satisfaction; and
- (iii) The management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school.
- (b) Under certain circumstances, an authorized public chartering agency participating in a partnership with a charter school developer. Such a partnership is eligible to receive funding directly from the U.S. Department of Education if-
- (i) The SEA in its State elects not to participate in this program; or
- (ii) The SEA in its State does not have an application approved under this program.

If an SEA's application is approved in this competition, applications received from non-SEA eligible applicants in that State will be returned to the applicants. In such a case, the eligible applicant should contact the SEA for information related to its subgrant competition.

Note: The following States currently have approved applications under this program: California, Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas. In these Štates, only the SEA is eligible to receive an award under this competition. Eligible applicants in these States should contact their respective SEAs for information about participation in the State's charter school subgrant program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 1, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 30, 1999.

Applications Available: April 16,

Available Funds: \$50,000,000. Estimated Range of Awards:

State educational agencies: \$500,000-\$5,000,000 per year

Other eligible applicants: \$25,000-

\$150,000 per year

Estimated Average Size of Awards: State educational agencies: \$3,000,000 per year

Other eligible applicants: \$100,000 per year

Estimated Number of Awards: State educational agencies: 10-15 Other eligible applicants: 20–30

Note: These estimates are projections for the guidance of potential applicants. The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.